



EMC News

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Chair's Report

Welcome to all new and returning members! Once again, we have an incredibly talented, dedicated group of people serving on the EMC. At our first meeting of the year, we will elect three Vice-Chairs, determine the committees and liaison positions, and sign up members. Also, please note that the County Clerk will be attending our first meeting to administer the oath of office to all appointed members. Please try to arrive on time and save yourself a trip to the County Courthouse! Refer to the agenda for other important activities that will happen at the meeting.

Submitted by Chair-Elect Susan Brock

Coordinator's Report

Our membership drive is ending and I believe we have been rather successful. Nine new candidates (6 municipal and 3 at-large) will be submitted to the Board of Representatives (BOR) for appointment. Many of the appointments are scheduled for the BOR's next meeting on January 4, 2000. Three municipalities are still interested in filling their seats. We have extended the deadline for appointments until January 31, 2000, to help them do so.

Using the criteria outlined in the "Procedure for Appointments" the EMC Executive Committee interviewed new at-large applicants, and chose to nominate three individuals. The nominees displayed significant commitment to the environment through past and present activities, and possessed strong knowledge of environmental issues facing the County. In addition, the Committee felt the appointments would strengthen the skill level of the membership in categories currently considered weak (based on the EMC Skills and Knowledge Profile sheets). The at-large nominations were submitted and approved by the PIRE (Planning, Intergovernmental Relations and Education) Committee, and have been forwarded to the BOR.

After the last EMC meeting, I prepared a resolution outlining the staggering of terms that was passed by the Board of Representatives. The resolution identified which municipal and at-large seats would be given a one-year term for 2000. At-large seats were randomly assigned to nominees to determine the length of the term. Please see the reverse side to determine the length of your term (as submitted to the BOR). Also, please



note that we are holding an orientation for new members, and all members are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Mikel Shakarjian

County Towers Committee Report

County representatives will present information on the County's emergency communications system upgrade at the February EMC meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. If you would like to review the report before the February meeting, please contact Susan Brock.

Submitted by Susan Brock

Unique Natural Areas Committee

After ten years of hard work, the UNA Inventory is finally complete. Enclosed in this month's mailing is a copy of the introductory text. The Committee will present the inventory at this month's meeting, and ask the EMC to adopt it. The complete UNA report is available for review at the Planning Department.

Submitted by Bruce Johnson

EMC Meeting Dates for 2000

February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

*The EMC is required to meet 10 times per year.
Each possible meeting date is shown.

New EMC Member Orientation

Thursday, January 6 @ 7:00 PM
Heyman Conference Room, Old Jail, 125 E. Court Street

We are beginning the New Year with an orientation session for new members. I hope this will serve to familiarize new members with the EMC's structure, purpose and responsibilities. Several members of the EMC Executive Committee will attend to answer questions and provide insight. If you are interested in attending, please feel free. This is one of those rare opportunities to get to know other EMC members. I hope to cover new member information in 30 minutes, and then answer questions.

Submitted by Mikel Shakarjian

Announcements

Southwest Area Draft GEIS

The City of Ithaca has released for review the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Southwest Land Use Plan. You can view the plan on the internet at <http://www.ci.ithaca.ny.us/plans>. Comments will be accepted until February 17, 2000. Public meetings are scheduled for January 24 and 25. For more information, or to submit comments, contact Jeannie Lee at 274-6550, or by e-mail, jeannie@ci.ithaca.ny.us.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Characterization

The Intermunicipal Organization has released the Cayuga Lake Preliminary Watershed Characterization for review. The document is available on-line at <http://www.gflrpc.org/Cayuga.htm>. Comments will be accepted until January 31, 2000. A public meeting will be held on January 19 at the Boynton Middle School. For more information, please contact Sharon Anderson at 272-2292, or by e-mail, ska@cornell.edu.

Welcome to our New Members
and Happy New Year.



Environmental Review Committee Report
No Report Submitted

Executive Committee Report
No Report Submitted

Education Committee Report
No Report Submitted

NESTS Committee Report
No Report Submitted



EMC Membership Appointments for 2000

EMC Municipal Seats (as adopted)

| <u>Term Length</u> | <u>Nominee</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2 | V. Dryden |
| 2 | V. Groton |
| 2 | T. Caroline |
| 2 | T. Danby |
| 2 | T. Dryden |
| 2 | T. Newfield |
| 2 | T. Ulysses |
| 1 | V. Cayuga Heights |
| 1 | V. Freeville |
| 1 | V. Lansing |
| 1 | V. Trumansburg |
| 1 | T. Enfield |
| 1 | T. Ithaca |
| 1 | T. Lansing |
| 1 | C. Ithaca |

EMC At-Large Seats (as submitted)

| <u>Term Length</u> | <u>Nominee</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | Roger Yonkin |
| 2 | Kristin Rowles |
| 2 | Maurie Cohen* |
| 2 | Barbara Ebert |
| 2 | Susan Brock |
| 1 | Kenny Christianson* |
| 1 | Karen Edelstein* |
| 1 | Herb Engman |
| 1 | Roxana Bahar Hewertson |
| 1 | Susan Kerns Robinson |

*New Applicants

Don't Forget!
The County Clerk will attend
the January meeting to
administer the oath of office
promptly at 7:00! If you
received a yellow oath card,
please fill it out and bring to
the meeting.